



SAFETY FIRST

Safety induction app

The new Farmsafe Australia Safety Induction app is now available online for both iPhone and Android. The app is free and seeks to further improve the safety induction of new workers.

Workers complete the app in discussion with the farm owner/manager and then a record of the induction and issues it has covered are emailed directly to the worker and the farm owner/manager - helping to simplify the record keeping process. For full details and links to download the app, visit: www.farmsafe.org.au/content/farmsafe-induction-app.

No allocation increase

DPI Water made no increase in NSW Murray general security entitlements allocation yesterday. As a result, Murray Irrigation's allocation remains at 19 percent for general security (Class C) entitlement holders. The latest DPI Water announcement is available in the 'Water Resources Updates' section of the Murray Irrigation website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au.

The next allocation update for the NSW Murray, as well as a water availability forecast for the start of the next water year will be provided on Monday 15 February.

Irrigation season update

As part of a renewed focus on customer service, Murray Irrigation has put together a mid-season water update for the benefit of customers. The three-page document was distributed to customers via email and fax yesterday. It includes information on allocations, channel operations, storage, climate, the water market and on-farm deliveries.

The intention of the update is to provide customers with more information to assist them to make informed business decisions. We intend to provide customers with similar seasonal updates at the end of each quarter. To access the latest update, visit the 'Water Resources Updates' section of our website: www.murrayirrigation.com.au, or contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

Second quarter invoices

Second quarter invoices were sent to customers last week. Payment is due by 5.00pm Friday 26 February. Customers are reminded that to be eligible for the five percent discount, all outstanding accounts must be paid by this date. For more information, contact our Finance department on T. 1300 138 265.

Multiple numbers for SMS alerts

Customers are reminded that they can nominate a second mobile number for customer subscribed SMS alerts. To add an additional number, login to your online *Water ordering* account, click on 'User options' then 'Communication settings'. For assistance, contact reception on T. 1300 138 265.

RGA job opportunity

The Ricegrowers' Association Environmental Champions Program is seeking a motivated person to undertake a part time Local Landcare Coordinator - Community Support Officer role based in Deniliquin. This position involves working closely with local farming system, producer and environmental groups in the shires of Berrigan, Jerilderie, Murray and Deniliquin. For full details, visit www.rga.org.au, or contact Neil Bull via E. nbull@rga.org.au or M. 0428 603 557. Applications close 5.00pm this Friday 5 February.

Livestock discussion evening

Is watering pasture to fatten stock viable? Southern Growers Inc. is inviting farmers to attend a livestock discussion evening with Geoff Duddy later this month. It will be held from 5.30pm on Thursday 18 February in Finley (venue to be announced). Come along and see how Southern Growers can help you with your livestock needs, or better yet, you can tell Southern Growers what you would like more information on. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750 or E. southerngrowersinc@gmail.com.

Southern Growers Farmers Tour

Southern Growers is co-ordinating a two day 'farmers tour' of the Murrumbidgee Valley. The tour will be in the second or third week of February (to be confirmed once numbers are received). Numbers are limited. For further information, or to reserve a seat, please contact Stephanie Chappell on M. 0417 444 750 or E. southerngrowersinc@gmail.com.

Michael Renehan, CEO

Announced allocation

Class C General Security 19 %
Water Efficiency Allocation 3 %
(Efficiency Allocation on Delivery Entitlements)

Water availability and usage

(02/02/16)
Vol. Remaining % of Entitlements.....21 %
On-Farm (incl. WEX Volume)
On-Farm Balance..... 173 GL
On-Farm Usage 185 GL

Water exchange

8.30am today
Water for Sale 8,477 ML
Price Range \$222 - \$400
Buy Offer..... \$212
Yesterday's Sales..... 90 ML
Price Range \$220 - \$228
To buy water call 1300 781 431

Water use and trade data

26/01/16 – 01/02/16
Murray Water Exchange activity
Internal buyers (No. & ML).....8; 763ML
External buyers (No. & ML).....2; 410ML
Internal sellers (No. & ML)..... 18; 861ML
External sellers (No. & ML).....2; 312ML

Trade to and from licence (excl. Govt.)

Net trade.....-1,556ML(week)...31,125ML(YTD)
Crop weekly water use
GL used on farm.....2 GL (27% on summer crops)

Channel flows today (ML/day)

	Actual	Capacity
Mulwala Canal	1,867	10,000
Wakool Canal	112	2,350
Escape flows	1,295	3,250

Rainfall and evaporation

26/01/16 – 01/02/16 Rain Evap
Finley 39.3mm 37.3mm
Tullakool..... 16.4mm 51.6mm

Storages

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Dartmouth.....1,793 GL.....47 %
Hume.....1,124 GL.....37 %
Lake Victoria.....444 GL.....66 %
Menindee Lakes63 GL.....4 %
Active Storage.....3,424 GL.....37 %

Rivers

8.30am today (mdba.gov.au)
Murray @ Doctors Point 10,497 ML/d
Murray d/s Yarra. Weir 9,600 ML/d
Goulburn @ McCoy's Bridge 1,051 ML/d
M'Bidgee d/s Balranald..... 1,835 ML/d
Darling @ Burtundy..... N/A
Flow to SA..... 7,558 ML/d
Murray to the Sea 0 gates open